

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any estimation of the iron ore produced from each mine during each of the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the value of iron ore exported out of its total production;
- (c) whether there are sufficient reserve of iron ore in the country; and
- (d) if so, the total estimated difference in export and import of iron ore in terms of value?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) & (b): As per available information, production of iron ore and value of iron ore exported for the last three years given below:-

	(Value in crore Rs.)	
Year	Production (in tonne)	Value of Exports
	(in Rs. Crores)	

2004-05	145941854	4427
2005-06	165230526 (Provisional)	5495
2006-07	180657041 (Provisional)	5828

(c): India has sufficient resources of iron ore, estimated at 25.25 billion tonnes, which continues to increase. Reserves, which are a function of detailed exploration, are estimated at 7.21 billion tonnes.

(d): The total estimated difference in value of iron ore exported and imported (up to February 2007) for the year 2006-07 is Rs. 5680 crore.